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SUBJECT: ITALIAN COMMUNISTS REACT RAPIDLY TO PRAVDA ARTICLE

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1. FOR THE SECOND TIME WITHIN A WEEK, THE ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (CPI) DAILY NEWSPAPER L'UNITA HAS RESPONDED WITH IRRITATION TO AN ARTICLE WHICH HAS APPEARED IN THE CPSU OFFICIAL DAILY PRAVDA. THIS TIME THE OFFENDING ARTICLE APPEARED ON MAY 12 AND IS A SERVICE BY VITALI KORIONOV PURPORTING TO PROVIDE THE RESULTS OF A SURVEY OF THE PCI BASE. KORIONOV'S CONCLUSION, AS REPORTED IN SOME OF THE ITALIAN PRESS, BUT NOT SPECIFICALLY IN L'UNITA, IS THAT
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THE BASE OF THE PCI DOES NOT WANT TO SEE THE PARTY LOSE ITS REVOLUTIONARY ASPECT AND SLIDE INTO SOCIAL DEMOCRATIC POSITIONS.

2. UNDER THE TITLE "WHIMSIES IN PRAVDA" THE PCI DAILY PUBLISHED MAY 13 THE FOLLOWING REPLY: QUOTE
... PROBABLY SURPRISED BY THE BROAD AND IMPASSIONED

POLITICAL DISCUSSION USUAL IN PCI SECTIONS, KORIONOV
INDULGES IN BIZARRE LUCUBRATIONS ABOUT THE MAJOR OR
MINOR IDEOLOGICAL PURITY OF THE ITALIAN COMMUNISTS.
FROM THE ARTICLE PUBLISHED IN PRAVDA, THERE DOES NOT
EMERGE THE REALITY OF OUR PARTY OR THE REASONS FOR
ITS STRENGTH AND THE GREAT PRESTIGE THAT IT HAS
ACQUIRED AMONG THE POPULAR MASSES. END QUOTE.

3. COMMENT. THE PRAVDA ARTICLE OBVIOUSLY HAS STRUCK
A SORE NERVE IN THE PCI JUST AT THE MOMENT WHEN THE
PARTY IS INVOLVED IN MAKING SOME DIFFICULT POLITICAL
CHOICES AND IS, IN FACT, EXPERIENCING SOME DIFFICULTIES
WITH ITS BASE. WHILE THE PCI LEADERSHIP IS IN THE
ACT OF TRYING TO EDUCATE ITS BASE AND TO BRING THE
BASE'S VIEWS INTO CONFORMITY WITH THE CURRENT PARTY
LINE, IT CERTAINLY FEELS NO NEED TO BE REMINDED BY THE
SOVIETS OF ITS DIFFICULTIES. FURTHERMORE, THERE ARE
SURELY SOME IN THE PCI LEADERSHIP WHO SEE THIS TYPE
OF ARTICLE AS AN IMPLIED THREAT FROM THE SOVIETS
THAT THEY STILL HAVE A SUBSTANTIAL AMOUNT OF SYMPATHY
AND GOOD WILL AMONG THE PARTY BASE WHICH THEY COULD UTILIZE
TO MAKE DIFFICULTIES FOR THE LEADERSHIP IF THEIR
POLICIES, BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL, FALL TOO
FAR OUT OF LINE WITH SOVIET THINKING.
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